

the Council through 1931. At the 1934 meeting in Pittsburgh, Mrs. Nice was elected Second Vice-President of the Club and served in this office during 1935 and 1936. The custom had not yet been firmly established of two-year terms for officers, and Mrs. Nice was elevated to the presidency of the Wilson Ornithological Club after having served only one year, 1937, as First Vice-President.

The second and last year of Mrs. Nice's presidency, 1939, was also the first year of the long and memorable editorship of *The Wilson Bulletin* by Josselyn Van Tyne. At the same time that his name first appears as Editor, Margaret Morse Nice is listed as Associate Editor. Her duties were not specifically mentioned, but it is obvious from the frequency of the appearance of her name or initials that one of her main interests was ornithological literature. She remained on the editorial staff through 1949, but it was our sister journal *Bird-Banding* that received the major share of Mrs. Nice's skill at reading and interpreting a tremendous variety of ornithological books and papers. As Associate Editor of that journal from 1935 to 1942 and from 1946 until her death, Mrs. Nice prepared more than *three thousand* reviews and abstracts. Her fluency in German was particularly helpful in making the important literature in that language accessible to the non-linguists among us.

Mrs. Nice joined the American Ornithologists' Union in 1907 and was elected a Fellow in 1937. A full-length memorial, with a more thorough coverage of her ornithological career, will eventually appear in *The Auk*. Meanwhile, in these days of hypersensitive consciousness of the gender of scientists, it is perhaps excusable that we of the Wilson Ornithological Society take quiet pride in our long and close association with Margaret Morse Nice, the only woman to have served as President of any of the three major American ornithological societies.

Although there are no specifications as to who may qualify for the Wilson Society's Louis Agassiz Fuertes Research Grants-in-aid, in practice most of them have gone to graduate students. In 1969 a member of the Society, believing that alternative sources of funds were usually available to students, decided to initiate and to fund a grant for which college or university-affiliated individuals would *not* be eligible, in order to provide a stimulus as well as some financial assistance to "amateur" researchers. No name could better symbolize the kind of person we hoped to reach through this grant than Margaret Morse Nice, and the officers of the Wilson Society were gratified when Mrs. Nice agreed to our using her name for this purpose. The original fund that established the Margaret Morse Nice Grant-in-aid has been depleted. Gifts to the W.O.S. earmarked for this fund would constitute a highly appropriate memorial to Mrs. Nice, and might well help to encourage a potential, emulator, of any age and of either sex, of her accomplishments.  
—KENNETH C. PARKES.

### CORRECTION

An unfortunate printing error in the June 1974 *Bulletin* (86:181, line 40) resulted in an incorrect line displacing the proper one in The President's Page. The line should have read, "of the suggested changes: it had to be convinced, as stated in the *Supplement* itself,".